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NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL
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This Committee was appointed in February, 1947, and its first meeting is scheduled to be held in the New Interior Building, Washington, on Wednesday, April 23. Nine of the twelve members will attend personally, and three will be represented by alternates.

Considerable spade work has already been done by members of the Committee, but it was not desirable to call a meeting until the members had had an opportunity to review data defining the scope of the problem. These data had to be prepared in government and did not leave Washington until April 7. The delay in Washington was occasioned by the necessity for officially "declassifying some military information." This hurdle having been cleared, there is no reason to anticipate further long delay. The Committee will meet with representatives of OGD, ANPB, Air Services and Bureau of Mines.

The genesis of the problem assigned to the Committee may be described briefly as follows:

"On January 24, 1946, the Air Technical Service Command requested the Bureau of Mines to make, at ATSC expense, a survey of the availability of aviation fuels (internal combustion spark ignited and jet). Certain alternate requirements targets were set up (i.e., variations not only in total quantity but also in proportions of high octane fuel and jet fuels). Specifications were set for the fuels. The general objectives of the ATSC was, of course, to obtain and maintain data on fuel availability in war emergency and these data would obviously be useful in guiding plane power plant development as well as for supply planning purposes."

It will be the task of the Committee working with government agencies to ascertain, by contacts with refiners and otherwise, the emergency potential of the industry to produce aviation gasolines and jet fuels of varying specifications and in varying proportions.

The full membership of the Committee is as follows:

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A subcommittee was recently appointed to lend technical aid to government agencies in an international negotiation concerning jet fuel specifications. This subcommittee comprises: Mr. W. M. Holaday Chairman, D. P. Barnard, J. Bennett Hill and S. D. Heron.

Further report will be rendered to the Council at its next meeting.

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